

## Senate Resolution 1339

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Miller's Chapel Baptist Church on the occasion of its 107th anniversary; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Miller's Chapel Baptist Church, nestled on a small hill in Conyers, Georgia, was  
4 founded in 1901 by a band of faithful people, G. B. Bailey, Lizzie Miller, N. T. Merritt and  
5 W. W. Weaver; and

6 WHEREAS, the first members to join the founders and unite at Miller's Chapel included  
7 Deacon Joe Lackey, Deacon Boyce Smith, Deacon Hail, and Sister Sallie McMullen; and

8 WHEREAS, during the first 45 years of its existence, several ministers served as the leaders  
9 of Miller's Chapel, including Reverends Madley, Mosley, Cooper, Giles, Crushfield,  
10 Thomas, and Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1946, the church leadership would stabilize and became rooted in the  
12 community under Pastor G. F. Gude; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1986, Reverend Avery Headd became the assistant pastor and served in that  
14 capacity until October, 1994, when he replaced Pastor Gude who retired, and under his  
15 leadership, the male chorus was organized in March, 1987, along with the youth choir; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Avery Headd became Miller's Chapel ninth pastor until December,  
17 1995, and in March, 1996, Reverend Antonio Sewell was appointed pastor and dutifully  
18 served until December, 1996; and

19 WHEREAS, in March, 1997, Reverend Alden Sadler, Sr., became Miller's Chapel eleventh  
20 pastor, and under his guidance, the church would elevate and gradually prepare for a new  
21 order for God's work to be effectively delivered under his leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, during his first year as Senior Pastor, the inside baptismal pool was installed,  
2 and Sister Hope Jordan was the first to enter in the pool; and

3 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2001, Reverend Archie Skipper, Jr., was the first minister to be  
4 ordained under the leadership of Pastor Sadler, and Reverend Skipper served as assistant  
5 pastor until May, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Sadler, in September, 2003, Miller's Chapel  
7 initiated a powerful outreach initiative to the community through its Drama Ministry, and the  
8 first play, "Yes Lord," written and directed by Sister Patrice Pennington, was held at  
9 Rockdale County High School and filled each of the 500 seats; and

10 WHEREAS, Sister E. Freeman reorganized the Youth Choir, and out of the choir came the  
11 dance ministry; fueled by this visionary path, Miller's Chapel has developed the following  
12 ministries: intercessory prayer, women's hour, drama, audio visual and communications, and  
13 newsletter; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony Smith was called to Millers Chapel April, 2007, as the  
15 twelfth pastor, and under his leadership, plans are to incorporate others into God's family  
16 through the teachings of Matthew 28:19: fellowship, communicating God's word though  
17 evangelism, demonstration of God's love through services, celebrating God's presence in  
18 worship, and educating God's people through discipleship; and

19 WHEREAS, looking back over the years, God has truly blessed Miller's Chapel, and the  
20 church has come this far through faith.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join together to commend the congregation of Miller's Chapel Baptist Church for their  
23 faithful service to the community and congratulate them on their 107th anniversary.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and  
25 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Miller's Chapel Baptist Church.